GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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FUEL SURCHARGE FROM AIR PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether fuel surcharge is being levied by the airlines from the passengers irrespective of journey undertaken by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to streamline the fuel surcharge with respect to the distance of flight journey undertaken by the passengers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- The fuel surcharge charged by full-service airlines is Rs. 2400/- for sectors less than 750 km and Rs. 3100/- for sectors more than 750 km. However, low cost airlines are charging fuel surcharge 2250/- for sectors less than 750 km and Rs. 2900/- for sectors more than 750 km. MDLR Airlines, a scheduled regional carrier, is charging Rs. 1050/- towards fuel surcharge per person per sector.

(c)to(e):- Air fares are not being regulated by the Government. Airlines are free to charge air fares as per the market forces.